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HOLLAND, MICHIGAN.
1893-'94.

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OTTAWA COUNTY TIMES PRINT.
1894.

CALENDAR.

1893

- Sept. - - 5. Entrance Examinations.
" - - 6. Term opens.
Nov. 30-Dec. 5. Thanksgiving Recess.
Dec. - - 23. Beginning of Christmas Recess.

1894

- Jan. - - 9. Work Resumed.
" - - 31. Prayer for Colleges.
April - - 24. Meeting of Board of Superintendents.
" - - 25. Examinations.
" - - 25. Commencement exercises in evening.

VACATION.

- Sept. - - 4. Entrance Examinations.
" - - 5. Term begins.
Nov. 28-Dec. 4. Thanksgiving Recess.
Dec. - - 21. Beginning of Christmas Recess.

1895

- Jan. - - 8. Work Resumed.

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SENIOR CLASS.

JOHN SIETSEMA,	Coopersville.
Hope College, 1891.	
JERRY P. WINTER,	Holland.
Hope College, 1891.	

MIDDLE CLASS.

GERRIT H. DUBBINK,	Overisel.
Hope College, 1892.	
JOHN R. JONES,	Streator, Ill.
Park College, 1890.	
JOHN LUXEN,	Holland.
Hope College, 1892.	
ALBERT OOSTERHOF,	Spring Lake.
Hope College, 1892.	
ANDREW J. REEVERTS,	Stillman Valley, Ill.
Hope College, 1892.	
ELBERT S. SCHILSTRA,	Rochester, N. Y.
Gymnasium Rotterdam.	
CORNELIUS M. STEFFENS,	Holland.
Hope College, 1892.	
HERMAN VAN DER PLOEG,	Holland.
Hope College, 1892.	
SIETSE VAN DER WERF,	Grand Rapids.
Theological School, Grand Rapids.	
HENRY J. VELDMAN,	Grand Rapids.
Hope College, 1892.	

JUNIOR CLASS.

HENRY HUIZINGA,	Holland.
Hope College, 1893.	
WIRTJE T. JANSSEN,	Foreston, Ill.
Hope College, 1893.	
WILLIAM MIEDEMA,	Vriesland.
Hope College, 1893.	
JOHN SCHAEFER,	Oregon, Ill.
Hope College, 1893.	
JOHN W. TE PASKE,	Orange City, Iowa.
Hope College, (special) 1893.	
WILLIAM WOLFIUS,	Grand Rapids.
Theological School, Grand Rapids.	

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

ADMISSION.

The Seminary is open for the admission of students from every denomination of Christians.

A Committee of the Board of Superintendents, on the reception of students, meets on the first Tuesday in September, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Every applicant is required to present a certificate of church membership and one of literary qualifications. One who has not pursued a regular Collegiate course must give proof by testimonials or examination of such literary attainments as will enable him to enter upon the course of studies in the school.

COURSE OF STUDY.

JUNIOR YEAR.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS.—Elements of Hebrew; Selections from Pentateuch; Harmony and Exegesis of the Gospels; Reading Acts of the Apostles; Archæology; Sacred Geography; Hermeneutics; O. T. Theology.

Text-books.—Harper's Method and Manual; Green's Hebrew Grammar; Robinson's (Riddle's) Harmony; Bissel's Biblical Antiquities; Barrow's Sacred Geograpy; Gesenius's Lexicon; Westcott & Hort's Greek Testament; Thayer's N. T. Lexicon; Terry's Hemeneutics.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Kurtz's Sacred History.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Introduction; Encyclopedia: Symbols of the Church.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Theory of Preaching; Analysis of Sermons; Homiletical Exercises.

MIDDLE YEAR.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS.—Hebrew Etymology and Syntax; Messianic Prophecy; Reading from Historical Books; Old Testament Introduction; Exegetical Study of Hebrews; Reading General and Pastoral Epistles.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Kurtz's Church History.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Lectures; Theology proper; Anthropology; Christology; A. A. Hodge's Outlines; Charles Hodge's Systematic Theology.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Lectures on Preaching; Homiletical Exercises; Church Government; Pastoral Theology; Lectures.

SENIOR YEAR.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS.—Hebrew Prophecy and Poetry; Historical Reading; Aramaic Selections; Exegetical Study of Romans; Introduction to New Testament; Reading Book of Revelation.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Ecclesiastical History (continued).

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Lectures; Soteriology; Ecclesiology; Eschatology; Apologetics; Ethics; Review of the entire System.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Homiletical Exercises; Pastoral Theology; Cathetics; Theory of Missions; Church Government; Lectures on Preaching.

PREACHING.

The students preach regularly before the Faculty and Students, subject to such criticism as may be appropriate. They also preach in the churches, especially such as are vacant, under the direction of the Faculty.

LECTURES.

A course of Lectures, on subjects bearing on Ministerial work is delivered annually under the direction of the Board of Superintendents.

MISSION WORK.

The Students are organized as a Mission Band and hold themselves in readiness to attend any calls to address meetings where they can advocate the cause of Missions.

ADELPHIC SOCIETY.

This is a weekly gathering of the Professors and Students for the discussion of questions relating to the practical work of the ministry. The exercises embrace debates, essays, and general discussions.

COMMENCEMENT.

The Theological Commencement exercises take place on Wednesday evening, at the close of the year. Addresses are delivered by the Seniors, in English and Dutch, and by some member of the Board of Superintendents appointed for the purpose.

BENEFICIARY AID.

Instruction is entirely gratuitous. Young men are aided by the Board of Education as their circumstances require and the funds admit, not only while in the Seminary, but in the studies preparatory to entering it. Rooms are provided in Van Vleck Hall and charges for board are very moderate.

The requirement of the Constitution in regard to students preparing for the ministry in the Reformed Church is as follows:

“Every person contemplating the work of the ministry, before he commences his course of Theological studies, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his being a member in full communion and good

standing of a Reformed Protestant Church; of his piety, ability and literary attainments; and thereupon shall be admitted into one of the Theological Schools; and during the prosecution of his studies there, shall be subject to the rules and regulations thereof; and when he shall have completed the prescribed course and term of Theological studies, shall be admitted to an examination according to the regulations of the school as established by the General Synod; and if found qualified, shall receive a professorial certificate to that effect, which shall entitle him to an examination for licensure before the Classis to which he belongs."—*Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 2.*

THE YEAR.

The Seminary opens on the first Tuesday in September, when the Committee meets for the reception of students, and closes on the last Wednesday in April, with the annual Commencement.

